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Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)

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Anticipated Classification

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

- continuation
 - continuation-in-part
 - divisional

application of pending prior Application No.09/228,712, filed on January 12, 1999.

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STERILIZATION INDICATOR WITH CHEMICALLY STABILIZED ENZYME

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 3. Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
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 5. Enclosed are 5 sheet(s) of drawings.
 6. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
 7. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a _____ of Application No. _____ filed _____.
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 9. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
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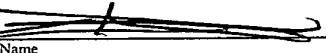
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